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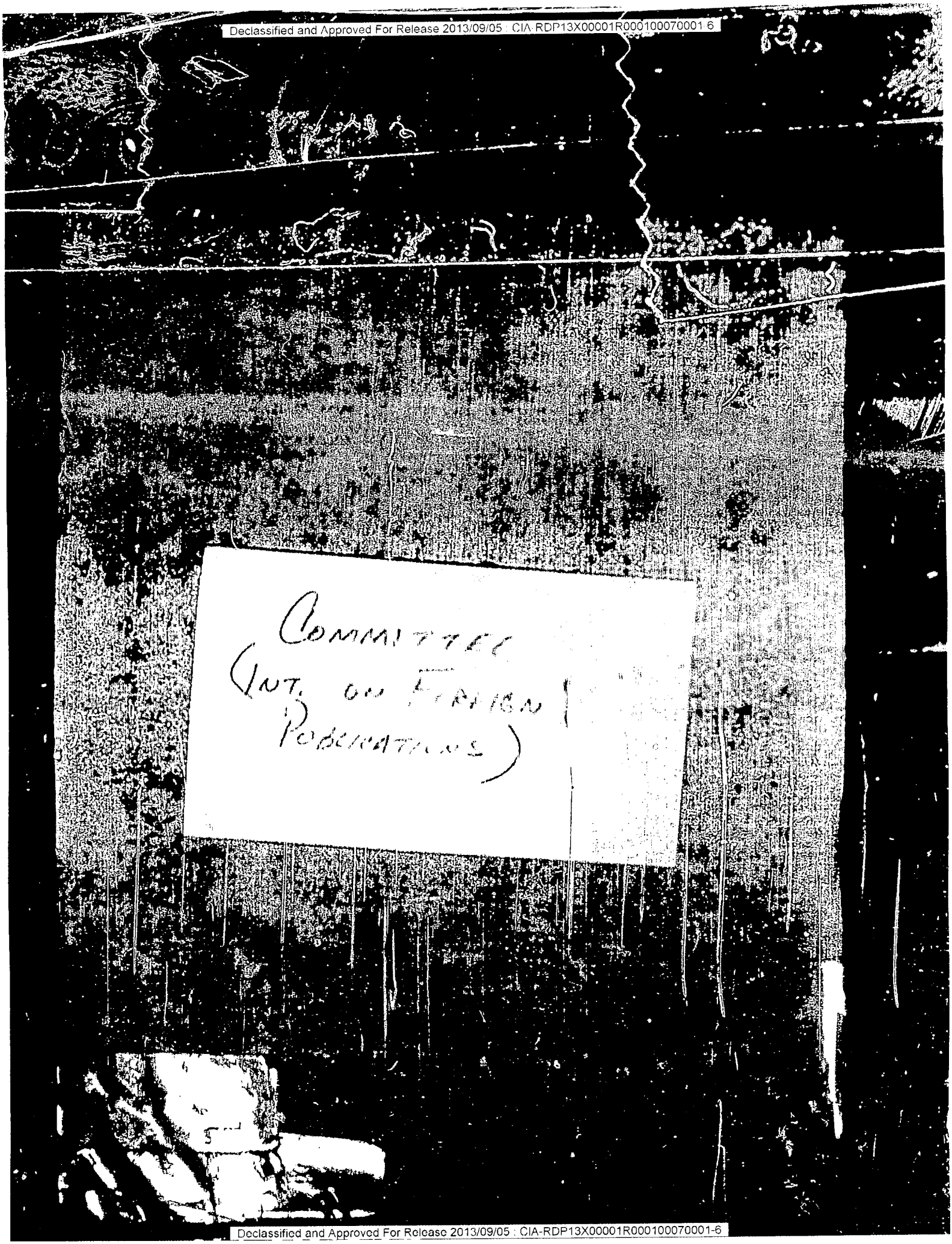

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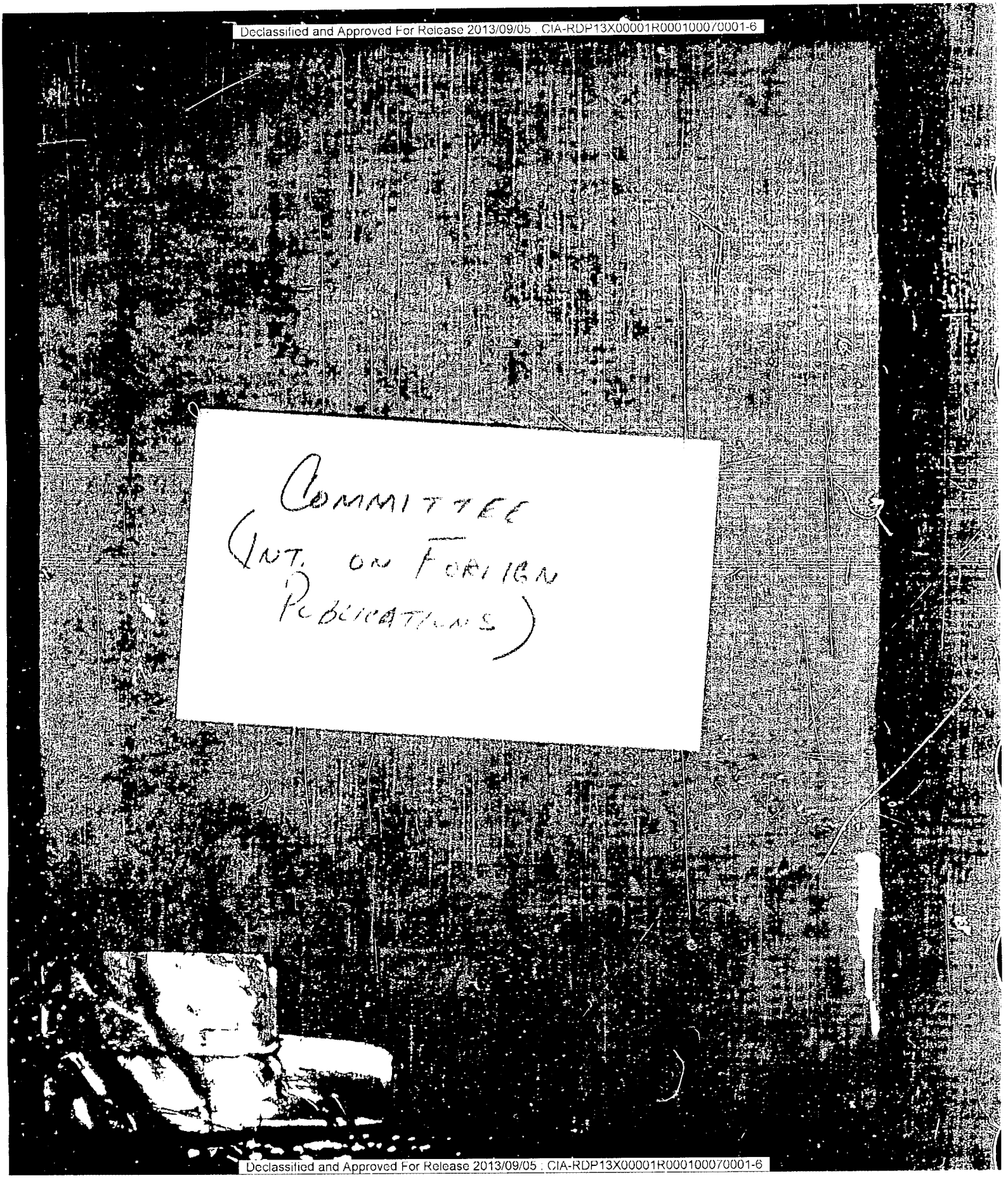

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INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

Meeting of 20 July 1943

M I N U T E S

PRESENT:

Office of War Information	Mr. Krould
Department of State	Mr. Spaulding
Department of Treasury	Mr. Southworth
Department of Agriculture	Mr. Shaw
Office of the Coordinator of Information	Mr. North Mr. Martin Mr. Demeratsky
Department of Commerce	Mr. Shurcliff
Office of Scientific Research & Development	Major Hale
War Department	Mr. Moriarty
Library of Congress	Mr. Clapp
Executive Secretary	Ensign Kilgour

Ensign Kilgour presided.

The minutes of the meeting of the sixth of July were read and approved as corrected.

Following the discussion of the correction of the minutes of the last meeting, Mr. Moriarty moved that the Committee, on being informed that Dr. Langer and the Executive Secretary had made a visit to the Department of State, referred to its discussion at the previous meeting and agreed that such a visit had not been authorized. Major Hale seconded the motion. The question was put to vote and unanimously approved.

Further discussion of the question of having the Committee send a representative to Moscow ensued, and Dr. Krould moved that the Committee postpone efforts to obtain material from Russia by sending its own representative to Moscow and will order its material through the State Department for the time being with the understanding that the Department of State will make an effort to bring two copies of Izvestiia, Pravda, Trud, and Krasnyia Zvezda to Washington within three weeks after publication date. Dr. Demeratsky seconded the motion. The question was put to vote and unanimously approved. The following proposal made by Mr. John North representing the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs was discussed:

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The chair suggested that Dr. Kreidl's proposal made at an earlier meeting that a sub-committee should be formed to control the operations of OER should be adopted. Mr. Shaw moved that the present sub-committee dealing with problems connected with the Subject Indexing Section should also work on the problems of OER's operations. Mr. Moriarty seconded the motion. The question was put to vote and unanimously approved.

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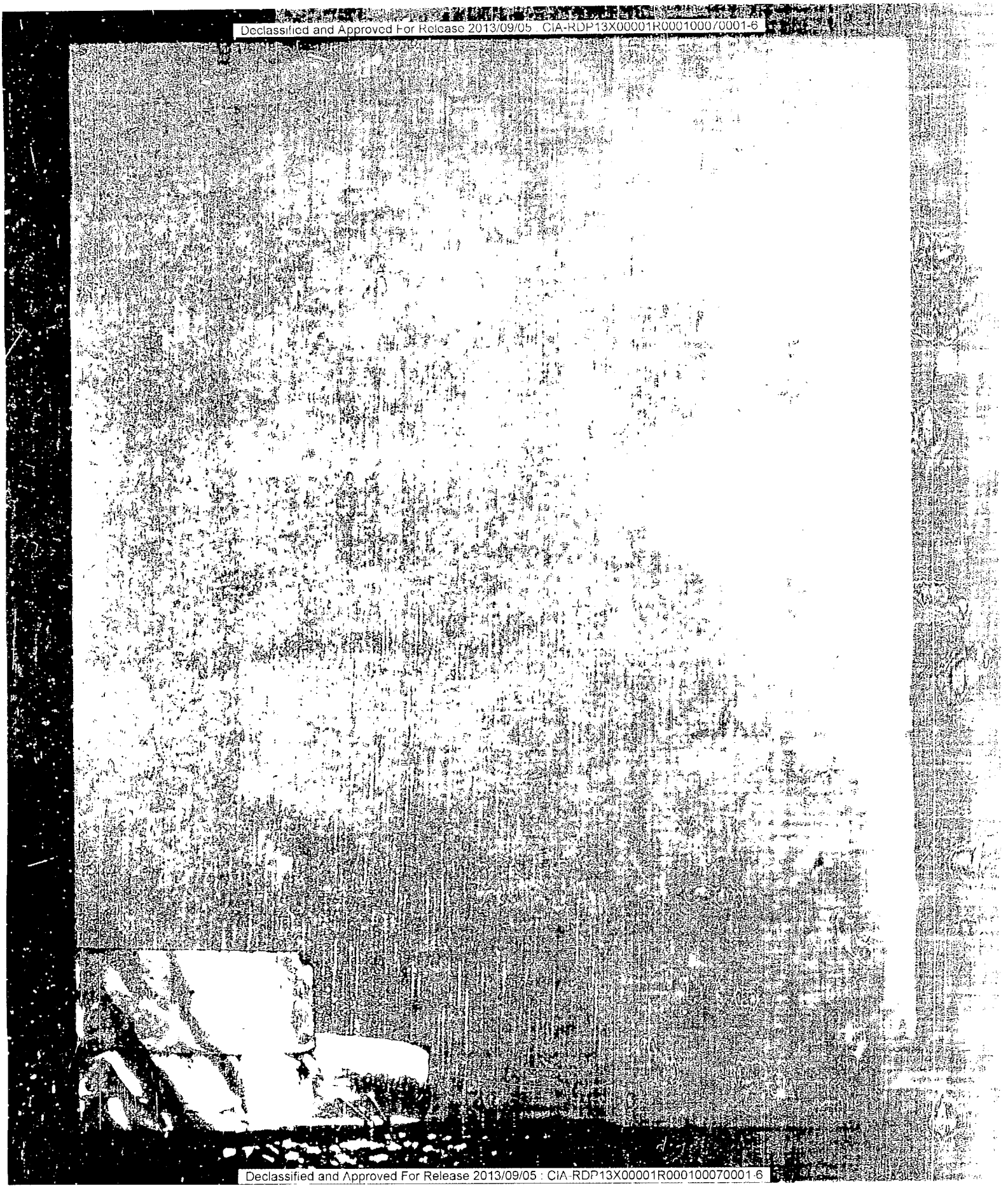

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INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

Meeting of 20 July 1943

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Office of War Information	Mr. Krould
Department of State	Mr. Spaulding
Department of Treasury	Mr. Hornbeck
Department of Agriculture	Mr. Gray
Office of the Coordinator of Information	Mr. Worth
	Mr. Martin
	Mr. Donnedieu
Department of Commerce	
Office of Scientific Research & Development	Mr. Shurcliff
War Department	Major Hale
Library of Congress	Mr. Moriarty
	Mr. Clapp
Executive Secretary	Ensign Kilgour

Ensign Kilgour presided.

The minutes of the meeting of the ninth of July were read and approved as corrected.

Following the discussion of the correction of the minutes of the last meeting, Mr. Moriarty moved that the Committee, on being informed that Dr. Langer and the Executive Secretary had made a visit to the Department of State, referred to its discussion at the previous meeting and agreed that such a visit had not been authorized. Major Hale seconded the motion. The question was put to vote and unanimously approved.

Further discussion of the question of having the Committee send a representative to Moscow ensued, and Mr. Krould moved that the Committee postpone efforts to obtain material from Russia by sending its own representative to Moscow and will order its material through the State Department for the time being with the understanding that the Department of State will make an effort to bring two copies of issues of Pravda, Trud, and Krasnyia Zvezda to Washington within three weeks after publication date. Dr. Demeratsky seconded the motion. The question was put to vote and unanimously approved. The following proposal made by Mr. John Worth representing the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs was discussed:

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Several member agencies of the Interdepartmental Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications have expressed a desire for facilities for the collection of materials in Latin America similar to the facilities already established in the rest of the world.

The Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs is proposing to establish such facilities in Latin America for the collection and transmission of materials to Washington, provided that other agencies desire sufficient amounts of such materials to warrant such a program.

The program will be closely allied with the Interdepartmental Committee's work, and the facilities will be fully available to member agencies. Requests for materials from Latin America and the distribution of them will be handled as they are for the rest of the world, through the Executive Secretary.

In order that this program be able to take care of the needs of the member agencies of the Interdepartmental Committee, information of the exact needs of your agency as to the types, quantities and location of materials desired from Latin America is necessary.

Will you please be prepared to submit such estimates at the next meeting of the Committee?"

At the end of the discussion Mr. Moriarty moved that the Committee inform CIAA that it would act as a clearing house for requests for publications in connection with its new project, and that if the CIAA desires it, the Committee will attempt to round up the immediate Government requests for microfilms of Latin American publications. Mr. Domeratsky seconded the motion. The question was put to vote by calling the roll. The representatives from CIAA, Commerce, OSRD, and the Library of Congress voted "Yes"; the representative from the State Department voted "No"; the representatives from War, Treasury, Agriculture, and OWI voted "Present."

The problem of obtaining the original European papers rapidly was discussed. The Committee also discussed the delay in obtaining the microfilms and expressed the opinion that the present delay made the films almost worthless. The Committee registered a strong complaint about the delay.

Mr. Shaw and Mr. Moriarty proposed that the circulation of all original materials be handled by libraries. The Committee's chair would prepare the lists of the publications and indicate where the publications could be obtained. The Committee agreed to this proposal.

Major Hale reported on a letter from the P & H Blies Co. concerning the availability of a large amount of reported periodical issues. The Committee was not interested in investigating the holdings of the Blies Co.

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The chair suggested that Mr. Arnold's proposal made at an earlier meeting that a sub-committee should be formed to control the operations of CIRR should be adopted. Mr. Shaw moved that the present sub-committee dealing with problems connected with the Subject Indexing Section should also work on the problems of CIRR's operations. Mr. Moriarty seconded the motion. The question was put to vote and unanimously approved.

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INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

Meeting of 27 July 1943

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Office of Economic Warfare	Mr. Chaput
Department of Commerce	Mr. Dennebaky
Department of State	Mr. Spaulding
Office of War Information	Mr. Krould
Treasury Department	Mr. Southworth
Library of Congress	Mr. Morlarty
Department of Agriculture	Mr. Shaw
War Department	Major Hale
Executive Secretary	Ensign Kilgour

Ensign Kilgour presided.

The Minutes of the Meeting of 20 July 1943 were read and approved as corrected.

The circulation of the Committee's original materials by libraries was debated and the chair was asked to inform the libraries that the Committee requests: 1) that its publications be made immediately available before processing; 2) that priority be given to telephone requests from the Committee members or some unit designated by them; and 3) that deliveries be made only in the Washington area and that these deliveries should be made within twenty-four hours after the request.

Dr. Krould reported the results of his Sub-Committee's findings with respect to OEER. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Shaw moved that "Whereas, After an examination of the operations of OEER by the Executive Secretary and the OEER Sub-Committee, the Interdepartmental Committee has concluded that it is not possible to operate the abstracting and translating work performed by OEER efficiently, economically, or with proper regard for security with the group in New York, therefore;

Resolved, That to correct these difficulties and to provide for more prompt and efficient service, the Committee recommends that the contract with OEER be cancelled and that its funds, files, equipment, and personnel, insofar as they are qualified and willing, be attached to the Washington Offices of the Interdepartmental Committee, and;

Resolved; That if this recommendation is not accepted, the Interdepartmental Committee is unwilling to assume responsibility for the operation of OEER."

Mr. Chaput seconded the motion. The question was put to

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vote and unanimously approved.

The chair reported that some requests had been received for rather extensive translations from the more common European languages and the Committee did not feel that it could be responsible at this time to make such translations.

The chair asked each member to inform him as specifically as possible of the number of publications on microfilm that his agency would like to receive from Latin America through the CIAA.

The chair reported that Captain Knox had been ill in the US Naval Hospital for several weeks. The Committee members asked the chair to write to Captain Knox on their behalf wishing him a speedy recovery.

Concerning the problem of having multiple photostats made of the dozen foremost European newspapers, the chair reported that a local private photostat laboratory had submitted a price on 18"x 14" photostats of $0.242 less 10% for payment within 30 days. The Committee felt that this price was a fair one and that there would be no security problem if a private firm did this work and assembled, wrapped, and addressed the photostats for delivery. The total cost of the program for a year would be in the neighborhood of $60,000.

The chair reported that the first draft of a budget request for an abstracting and translating section to handle oriental publications was almost completed.

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INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

Meeting of June 18, 1943

M I N U T E S

PRESENT:

Office of War Information	Mr. Gould
Department of Commerce	Mr. Demeracky
Department of State	Mr. Spaulding
Treasury Department	Mr. Southworth
Department of Agriculture	Mr. Shaw
Board of Economic Warfare	Mr. Chaput
Library of Congress	Mr. Moriarty
War Department	Major Hale
Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs	Mr. Morris
Executive Secretary	Mr. Kilgour

Mr. Kilgour presided.

The Minutes of the Meeting of June 4 were read and approved as read.

Two requests from university libraries to the Library of Congress for photographic copies of materials which the Committee had acquired from Free China were discussed. The Committee decided to grant the Library of Congress permission to make copies for research libraries of materials published in Free China.

The proposed contract with CEER was reviewed and several specific changes were made. In general the Committee desired that it should be made clear in the contract that the Committee is to be responsible for all operations and that CEER is to be responsible for fiscal and administrative.

The chair announced that a proposal had been made to form a group to do abstracting and translating of oriental publications. OSS, BEW, OWI, AND MIS had stated that they would be able to make very good use of such a group if it were set up under the Interdepartmental Committee. The Committee felt that the problem should be investigated further and that the chair should draw up specific recommendations.

Since Friday is a somewhat inconvenient day for some of the Committee members to meet, it was decided that the meetings should be held on alternate Mondays beginning with July 6.

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INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

Meeting of June 4, 1943

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Office of War Information	Mr. Kreuld
Treasury Department	Mr. Southworth
State Department	Mr. Gerber
Commerce Department	Mr. Donnenfeld
Board of Economic Warfare	Mr. Chapin
Library of Congress	Mr. Moriarty
Department of Agriculture	Mr. Shaw
War Department	Major Hale
Executive Secretary	Mr. Kilgour

Mr. Kilgour presided.

The Minutes of the Meeting of May 21 were read and approved as read.

Dr. Kreuld invited the Committee to hold its meetings during the summer months in an air conditioned conference room at the OWI. The Committee Members readily accepted the invitation.

The chair reported that seventeen personnel actions were being processed for the new Subject Index Section and that one person had entered on duty. Various members of the Committee reported that their work is seriously inconvenienced when the labels for the rolls of microfilm do not accompany the film when it is distributed. The Committee encouraged the chair to make every effort to have the labels prepared rapidly so they can be distributed with the film.

The chair reported that a recent letter from Mr. Carruthers had contained the statement that the officials at the Lisbon Legation doubted that it would be possible to obtain any more licenses for the export of Axis publications. Mr. Kilgour also reported that a Portuguese visa had been obtained for Mr. Peiss who would probably be leaving for Portugal in two or three weeks.

The operations of CEER were discussed at length with particular reference to directives. The chair stated that a draft of the proposed contract with CEER would be sent to the Committee members shortly for their review.

The effects of an Allied invasion of Europe on the Committee's activities were discussed, and the Committee agreed that there should be a world outpost ready to be transferred to the invaded area.

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Mr. Pomeratsky reported that he had had the Deutsche Volkswirt for 1926 to 1941 microfilmed and that the indexes for this period had been filmed separately.

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INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ACQUISITION
OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

WASHINGTON, D. C.

RESTRICTED

31 July 1944

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Ensign Frederick G. Kilgour, USNR

TO: General William J. Donovan

VIA: Dr. William L. Langer

SUBJECT: IDC activities, 1 July 1943 - 30 June 1944

(1) During subject period IDC acquired 79,432 separate published issues in the original and 138,468 separate issues on microfilm. The analysis of publications for intelligence produced 30,781 intelligence items that were published in the IDC Subject Index to Foreign Publications.

Frederick G. Kilgour

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THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

List Number 18, October 6, 1943.

ORIGINAL PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED AND AVAILABLE FOR LOAN

In order to meet the demands for these publications, it is requested that all loans be returned within one week.

(All Russian)

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

439. Bakinskii Rabochii. July 21, 23, 24, 27, 28, 30, August 1, 10, 15, 20, 1943.
440. Bloknot agitatora. Nos. 23, 24. August 16, 27, 1943.
441. Bolshevik. No. 14. July, 1943.
442. Botanicheskii zhurnal SSSR. Vol. XXVIII, No. 2, 3, 4, 1943.
443. Britanskii soiuznik. No. 34. Aug. 22, 1943.
444. Edinenie (Unity) (In Hebrew). No. 20. July 27, 1943.
445. Gudok. Aug. 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, 29, 1943.
446. International Literature. No. 5. May, 1943.
447. Istoricheskii zhurnal. No. 7. July, 1943.
448. Izvestiia vsesoiuznogo geograficheskogo obshchestva. Vol. 75, Nos. 2, 3, 1943.
449. Kazakhstanskaia pravda. July 31, Aug. 3, 6-8, 13-15, 17, 1943.
450. Knizhnaia letopis. Nos. 6-9. June 15-Aug. 5, 1943.
451. Kolkhoznoe proizvodstvo. No. 7. July, 1943.
452. Kommunist. July 21, 27, Aug. 8, 13, 15, 17, 18, 1943.
453. Kommunist Tadzhikistana. July 31, Aug. 1, 3, 6-8, 1943.
454. Komsomolskaia pravda. Aug. 17-22, 24-29, 31, 1943.
455. Krasnaia Bashkiriia. July 23, 27, 28, Aug. 1, 3, 10, 11, Aug. 13, 14, 1943.
456. Krasnii flot. Aug. 17-22, 24-29, 31, 1943.
457. Krasnii sport. Nos. 33, 34. Aug. 18, 24, 1943.
458. Krasnoarmeets. No. 15. August, 1943.
459. Krestianka. No. 7/8. July/Aug., 1943.
460. Krokodil. Nos. 28, 29. Aug. 3, 11, 1943.
461. Legkaia promyshlennost. No. 6. June, 1943.
462. Letopis gazetnykh statei. Nos. 6-8. March 15-April 30, 1943.
463. Letopis zhurnalnykh statei. Nos. 6-9. 1943.
464. Literatura i iskusstvo. Nos. 34, 35. Aug. 21, 28, 1943.
465. Meditsinskii rabotnik. Nos. 33, 34. Aug. 19, 26, 1943.
466. Moskovskii bolshevik. Aug. 17-22, 24-29, 31, 1943.
467. Moscow News. Aug. 13, 16, 20, 29, 1943.
468. Novii mir. No. 5/6. May/June, 1943.
469. Novosti tekhnicheskoi literatury: Metallurgiia i Mashinostroenie. No. 3/4, 1943.

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470. Novosti tekhnicheskoi literatury. Stroitelnaia promyshlennost. Nos. 3/4, 5/6, 1943.
471. Pionerskaia pravda. Nos. 33, 34. Aug. 18, 25, 1943.
472. Pravda vostoka. July 29, 31, Aug. 1, 4, 6-8, 10, 11, 13-15, 1943.
473. Propagandist. No. 14. July, 1943.
474. Ogonek. No. 31/32. Aug. 10, 1943.
475. Sbornik postanovlenii, prikazov i instruktsii po finansovo - khoziaistvennym voprosam. Nos. 1-12, 1942. Nos. 3/4, 5, 1943.
476. Slaviane. No. 7. July, 1943.
477. Sobranie postanovlenii i rasporiazhenii pravitelstva. No. 9. July 20, 1943.
478. Sotsialisticheskoe selskoe khoziaistvo. No. 7. July, 1943.
479. Sovet Turkmenistany. July 25, 31, Aug. 1, 3, 4, 6-8, 10, 1943.
480. Sputnik agitatora. No. 14. July, 1943.
481. Tekhnika vozdushnogo flota. No. 6. June, 1943.
482. Tekhsovety MTS. No. 44/45, 1943.
483. Trud. Aug. 17-22, 24-29, 31, 1943.
484. Uchitelskaia gazeta. Aug. 26, 1943.
485. Ugol. No. 7. July, 1943.
486. Ukraina. No. 1/2. 1943.
487. Vecherniaia Moskva. Aug. 16-21, 23-28, 30, 31, 1943.
488. Vedomosti verkhovnogo soveta. Nos. 29, 30. Aug. 24, 29, 1943.
489. Voennoe obuchenie. Nos. 33, 34. Aug. 19, 26, 1943.
490. Voina i rabochii klass. No. 6. August, 1943.
491. Volzhskaia kommuna. July 13, 18, 25, 28, Aug. 3, 6, 8, 10, Aug. 11, 22, 24, 26, 1943.
492. Vozhatyi. No. 7. July, 1943.
493. Wolna Polska. No. 23,24. Aug. 16, 24, 1943.
494. Zaria vostoka. July 15, 20, 23, 27, 29, 31, Aug. 1, 3, 6, 7, 13, 17, 19-21.
495. Zhurnal fizicheskoi khimii. Vol. XVII, No. 1, 1943.

THE FOLLOWING PUBLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR LOAN FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LIBRARY

496. Agrotekhsovety kolkhozam. Nos. 69, 70. July, 1943.
497. Izvestiia. Aug. 17-22, 24-29, 31, 1943.
498. Pravda. Aug. 16, 18-21, 23-31, 1943.
499. Sotsialisticheskoe zemledelie. July 24, Aug. 12, 17, 19, 21, Aug. 24, 26, 1943.
500. Veterinariia. No. 7. July, 1943.

THE FOLLOWING PUBLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR LOAN FROM THE ARMY MEDICAL LIBRARY

501. Farmatsiia. No. 4, 1943.
502. Khirurgiia. No. 5/6, 1943.
503. Klinicheskaia meditsina. No. 6, 1943.

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List Number 3, March, 1943

ORIGINAL PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED AND AVAILABLE (on loan)

33. Chang Tao-Fan. The literary policy which we need. Dec. 1942.

34. Chien Tsen Hai. A study of the English translations of the ancient for the Kuomintang members.

35. Chung Yang Pao. Jan. 22-28, 1943.

36. Chung Yang Jih Pao. China's postwar land policy. From an article published on Nov. 24, 1942 by Chen Cheng-nan. Typewritten Mss. 4p.

37. Current literature and poetry. (Special section of Man Ti Hung, Dec. 15, 1942)

38. Food Research Institute. Photographic copies of clippings, August-October, 1943.

39. Geographical Society of China Journal. (In Chinese and English).
Vol. 6 1939
Vol. 7 1940
Vol. 8 1941
Vol. 9 1942

40. Hsin Hua Jih Pao. Jan. 22-28, 1943.

41. Khabarovskii Kraĭ na Vsesoyuznoĭ Selskokhozyaĭstvennoĭ Vystavke. Dalgiz, 1939. 47p.

42. Kuo-feng. (National currents).
No. 4 Dec. 16, 1942.
No. 5 Jan. 1, 1943.

43. Kuomintang. Revised organic by-laws of the Board of Information of the Central Executive Committee...adopted at 197th meeting of the Standing Committee in October, 1941. Typewritten Mss. 6p.

44. Man Ti Hung (Magazine) Dec. 15, 1942.

45. The Masses (Chinese Communist magazine) Dec. 30, 1942.

46. The Meteorological magazine. Vol. 15, No. 3-4, Dec. 1941.

47. National Herald (Chungking) Jan. 21-23, 25-27.

48. A record of news disseminated by the enemy. Nos. 1512-1514, Jan. 1943. (In Chinese)

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49. Ta Kung Pao. Jan. 16-28, 1943.

50. Ta Kung Pao. December 14, 1942. Special articles. Western science and Chinese agriculture. Typewritten Mss. 3p.

51. Ta-Shu T'ung Hsün. Jan. 1, 1942.

52. Tolstoi, L.N. Kavkazki Pulu. 1937. 41p.

53. Zrkali. O zadachakh kommunisticheskogo internatsionala v [illegible] podgotovkoi imperialistami novoi mirovoi voiny. Dalgiz. 1935. 77 p.

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List of books released from Bermuda, now being held in Public Storehouse

Jahrbuch u.d. Fortschr. Math. 55:1:1,2;55:2:3-5;56:2:1,5,57:1:1; 57:1,4-8; 57:2:2, 58:2:1,2,3,4,	Cornell University
Inscrip. Ltinae ed. Dessau II:1,2	Institute for Advanced Study
Beilstein, 29:1	Merrougns-Wellcome Co.
Durand, Aerodynamic Theory I-VI	Mass. Institute of Technology
Beilstein 28:2	Texas Co.
Schmid-St., Griech. Lit. Gesch. I:2,3; II:3, I:1	Columbia University
Eitzen: Military Dictionary	
Evang. Gesangbuch f. Brandenburg, 1931	Univ. of Pennsylvania
Mansion, Altfranzoesische Lesebuch	Univ. of Pennsylvania
Bach, Geschichte d. dt. Sprache	University of Maine
Benz, Dt. Romantik	
Ideta, Supplt. to Handbook of Plant-Diseases volume II	Cornell University
	Columbia Univ., College of Physicians
Wessel, Phyik	
Strom, Dictionary of Ammunition	
Fischers, Anleitung z. Darstellung Organ. Praeparate	Princeton University
Seifert-T. Variationsrechnung	Amherst College
Ermatinger, Lyrik III	Johns Hopkins University
Handbuch d. Radiologie VI:1	Williams College
Sommerfeld, Atombau I	Ohio State University
Ziesemer, Preuss. Woerterbuch #1-10	
Hemmo, Lat. Sprachmaterial	
Dichter: Uhland, Fontane, Schiller, Storm, C.F.Meyer	Princeton University
Stackelberg, Marktform	Eastman Kodak Company
Friedlaender: Teerfarben Industrie vol. 22	" " "
Wisinger: Organische Farbstoffe	" " "
Fortschritte der Photographie II	" " "
Schulz, Licht durch Glas	" " "
Windisch: Schule der Farben-Fotografie	H.W. Wilson Co.
Huebers: Volksdichst der Frau	Alabama Polytechnic Institute
Eucken: Grundlagen der Nationaloekonomie	Chicago Biolog.
Rosenthaler: Toxikologische Mikroanalyse	
Doellneger-Ploettner, Borumeisen	
Quartaer vol.III (Geology	
Koch: Dt. Kultur d. Idealismus(Handbuch d. Kulturgeschichte)	Indiana University
Stehr: Tuer der Jenseits (Kl. Buecherei)	
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Sprachbrockhaus	State College of Washington
Wartburg, Enstehung d. roman. Voelker	
Obenauer, Problematik d. aesth. Menschen	University of Colorado
Durand, Aerodynamik vol. I,II,VI	University of Chicago &
Sammlung Goeschen #221, 1041, 1134	Magnolia Petrolium Co.
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REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDS BY THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A POST AT NEW DELHI

0 1				
CAF-11	Field Representative	1	$3,600	
CAF-7	Asst Field Representative	1	2,660	
			6,100	
	Less Lapses			$4,359
0 2				
Travel for 2 Representatives to New Delhi				2,360
0 3				
Transportation of equipment to New Delhi				250
0 4				
For messengers, cables and postage				500
0 5				
Rent @ $50 per month for six months				300
0 7				
Living allowance for two Representatives @ $1000 per year for 8 months				1,340
0 8				
Negative microfilm for 175,000 exposures @ $0.006 each				1,050
Oxaphane print film for 12 copies each of 175,000 exposures @ $0.002				4,200
Chemicals for developing and fixing				175
Books				750
2000 periodical issues				1,250
1700 newspaper issues				600
Miscellaneous supplies and materials including wiring, pipe, electric lights, sinks, office supplies, tables, benches, hardware, wood, paint, etc.				1,000
0 9				
1 Microfilm camera				1,500
1 Set of developing equipment				250
1 Enlarger				300
3000 light weight 35 mm. 100 ft. projection spools @ $7.50 per 100				225
3000 metal-edge cardboard boxes @ $0.0379 per box				113.70
			TOTAL	$20,421.70

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0 8 SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS

Negative microfilm for 2,434,000 exposures @ $0.006 each	$14,616
Positive print film for 2,340,000 exposures @ $0.003 each	6,840
Oxaphane print film for 12 copies each of 2,340,000 exposures @ $0.002 each	70,560
Chemicals for developing and fixing	3,360
168,000 newspaper issues	5,600
10,000 periodical issues	12,350
Books	2,000
Pamphlets, circulars, and other ephemeral material	4,000
50,400 light weight 35 mm 100 ft. projection spools @ $7.50 per 100	3,780
50,400 metal-edge cardboard boxes @ $0.0370 per box	1,910
Miscellaneous supplies and materials including wiring, pipe, electric lights, sinks, office supplies, tables, benches, hardware, enlargers at posts where necessary, wood, paint, etc.	2,000
	$141,885

0 9 EQUIPMENT

2 Leica FF cameras and accessories for microphotography and processing film @ $700	1,400
2 Microfilm cameras @ $1,150	2,300
4 Microfilm cameras @ $1,500	6,000
4 Microfilm readers @ $350	1,400
4 sets of developing equipment @ $250	1,000
	$12,100

TOTAL $331,066

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INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE BUDGET

O 3 TRANSPORTATION OF THINGS

Transportation of newspapers, etc., from acquisition points	$8,000
to filming stations	4,750
Transportation of equipment and supplies abroad.	12,750

O 4 COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

	$5,750
For messengers, cables and postage	
For the transmission of the British Ministry of Information	
"Overseas Press Summaries" from London to Washington @	
$10,000 per month	120,000
	125,750

O 5 RENTS AND UTILITY SERVICES

For rental of space at Stockholm, Geneva, Lisbon, Cairo,	
Istanbul, Mexico City, Lima, Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires	$5,400
@ an average of $50 per month	3,400
Chungking @ $200 per month	7,800

O 7 PRINTING AND BINDING

For 504,000 microfilm exposures processed in London by	
Eugene B. Power under contract @ $0.035 each	$17,640
Printing 12 copies each of 175,000 exposures (by contract)	
@ $0.007 each	14,700
Rent for a Photorecord camera from the International Labor	
Office in Geneva	100
Living allowance for 18 persons at an average of $1200 each	21,600
	54,040

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INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

B U D G E T

O 1 PERSONNEL

Grade	Title	Estimate 1943		Actual 1942	
	DEPARTMENTAL				
CAF-12	Senior Administrative Officer	1	$4,600	-	-
CAF-9	Senior Administrative Assistant	1	3,200	1	$3,200
CAF-5	Senior Clerk	1	2,000	-	-
CAF-4	Photographer	1	1,800	-	-
CAF-4	Editorial Clerk	1	1,800	-	-
CAF-3	Assistant Editorial Clerk	2	1,620	-	-
CAF-3	Assistant Clerk-Stenographer	1	1,620	1	1,620
CAF-3	Assistant Clerk	4	1,620	1	1,620
CAF-2	Junior Photographer	3	1,440	-	-
CAF-3	Assistant Photographer	2	1,620	-	-
	Total	17	$32,300	5	$6,440
	FOREIGN FIELD				
P-6	Principal Field Representative	2	$5,600	-	-
CAF-12	Senior Field Representative	1	4,600	-	-
CAF-11	Field Representative	1	3,800	-	-
CAF-9	Associate Field Representative	8	3,200	2	3,200
CAF-7	Assistant Field Representative	6	2,800	2	2,800
	Total	18	$30,000	4	$6,000

O 2 TRAVEL

Executive Secretary: Domestic travel (to manufacturing plants, interview personnel, etc.)	$500
1 trip from Washington to London, to Stockholm, to London, to Lisbon, to Washington	1,750
1 trip from Washington to Mexico City to Lima, to Buenos Aires, to Rio de Janeiro, to Washington	1,300
1 Associate Field Representative to Mexico City	200
1 Assistant Field Representative to Mexico City	200
1 Associate Field Representative to Lima, Peru	500
1 Assistant Field Representative to Lima, Peru	500
1 Associate Field Representative to Rio de Janeiro	600
1 Assistant Field Representative to Rio de Janeiro	600
1 Associate Field Representative to Buenos Aires	700
1 Assistant Field Representative to Buenos Aires	700
	$8,050

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Mr. Conyers Read 8 August 1945

G. Edward Buxton

Representation on Interdepartment Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications

On the recommendation of Mr. William L. Langer I am hereby appointing you a member of the Interdepartmental Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications to represent the Office of Strategic Services. This appointment is to take place immediately.

G. Edward Buxton
Acting Director

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Dr. Fosdick
x Research & Development
x Branch Dir. Donovan

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Colonel Donovan

DATE: March 16, 1945

FROM: Doctor Langer

SUBJECT:

This is to inform you that I have passed on to Mr. Frederick G. Kilgour, Chairman of the Interdepartmental Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications, a copy of Dr. Conant's letter of March 12 -- informing us that Dr. William A. Shurcliff will represent the Office of Scientific Research and Development on the Committee.

I have asked Mr. Kilgour to contact Dr. Shurcliff.

William L. Langer
Director, Branch of
Research and Analysis

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March 15, 1943

MEMORANDUM

From: Colonel Donovan

To: Doctor Langer

Have you taken care of the matter referred to in Dr. Conant's letter of March 12, copy of which was sent you?

W.J.D.

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x Pasadena, Bush, Conant
x Bush, Conant

OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
1530 P STREET NW.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

VANNEVAR BUSH
Director

March 12, 1943

Copy to Dr. Langer

Mr. W. J. Donovan
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Donovan:

Dr. Bush has passed to me your letter to him of March 8 in which you indicate the desirability to the OSRD of having a member of its organization added to the Interdepartmental Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications. This would, I believe, be an exceedingly desirable step and I should like to designate as the OSRD representative Dr. William A. Shurcliff in the OSRD Liaison Office. Dr. Shurcliff has already had considerable contact with the problems involved in the acquisition and dissemination of foreign scientific publications, and I am sure that he will be well fitted to undertake this work.

I should greatly appreciate it if Dr. Shurcliff may be put into contact with the Chairman of the Interdepartmental Committee.

Very sincerely,

James B. Conant

James B. Conant
Acting Director, OSRD

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March 8, 1943

Dr. Vannevar Bush, Director
Office of Scientific Research and Development
1530 P Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Bush:

In view of the distinct interest your organization has in the acquisition and dissemination of European scientific periodicals, it appears to me highly desirable that you should have a member of your organization added to the Interdepartmental Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications.

If this is agreeable to you I should be pleased to have you name a representative so that I can put him in contact with the Chairman of the Interdepartmental Committee.

Very sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan

WLLanger/MB
cc/Mr. Kilgour

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Director

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cc/Mr. Kilgour

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Colonel Donovan:

Thank you for your letter of December 9, 1942, which requests that the proposed Indexing Unit be set up with the Interdepartmental Committee within the Office of Strategic Services.

We shall give full consideration to this suggestion when drafting the Executive Order.

Very truly yours,

Wayne Coy
Assistant Director

Colonel William J. Donovan
Director
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

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December 9, 1942

Mr. Wayne Coy
Assistant Director
Bureau of the Budget
Washington, D. C.

Dear Wayne:

With reference to the Executive order concerning the Interdepartmental Committee and the paragraph discussing a subject indexing unit to index the information being brought in by the Interdepartmental Committee, I would like to say that I have been talking to Hilgour recently about this matter, and he tells me that G2 and G-2 are one hundred per cent in favor of such a unit. In the light of these facts it seems necessary that the proposed indexing unit ought to be set up with the Interdepartmental Committee within OSS so that complete security can be maintained and that valuable information can be obtained by the Army and Navy.

I sincerely hope that the forthcoming Executive Order will contain the provision that such an indexing unit will be established in such a way that it will be possible for it to supply valuable military intelligence.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan

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My dear Colonel Donovan:

Thank you for the revised draft of the proposed Executive Order to establish the Interdepartmental Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications, submitted with your letter of November 12, 1942. Your suggestions will receive full consideration in the revision of the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

W. Wayne Coy

Assistant Director

Colonel William J. Donovan
Director
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely,

(Signed) Wayne Coy
Assistant Director

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Office of Strategic Services
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October 21, 1942

TO: COLONEL BUXTON

FROM: COLONEL WILLIAM J. DONOVAN

Dear Ned:

Would you get in Kilgore and Bill Langer and see if you can redraw the proposed Executive Order.

William J. Donovan
Director

File given Col Buxton 10/23

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November 13, 1942

Mr. Wayne Coy
Assistant Director
Bureau of the Budget
Washington, D. C.

Dear Wayne:

Pursuant to your request, I have gone over your proposed order on Acquisition of Foreign Publications. I enclose a proposed new and different draft which I hope will meet with your approval.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

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ESTABLISHING THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS AND ASSIGNING CERTAIN FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, AND THE OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Statutes including the First War Powers Act, 1941, as President of the United States and Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy, and for the purpose of acquiring from sources outside the continental United States publications necessary to the war effort, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. There is established an Interdepartmental Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications, hereinafter referred to as the Committee. The Committee shall consist of the Librarian of Congress, who shall serve as Chairman, and representatives of the Secretary of State, Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of War, Secretary of the Navy, Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary

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of Commerce, Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, Office of Lend-Lease Administration, Board of Economic Warfare, Office of Scientific Research and Development, Office of Strategic Services, Office of War Information, and such other members as the Chairman may designate. The Chairman may appoint such subcommittees as may be required.

2. The Committee shall perform the following functions and duties:

a. Receive, review, and approve all requests from the several departments and agencies for the procurement from foreign sources of such books, newspapers, pamphlets, and other written or published materials as may be required for their war activities; and establish priorities among such requests for the use of communication and transportation facilities.

b. Arrange to obtain from foreign sources such written or published materials as are determined to be necessary for the war effort, exclusive of secret material which is provided for in paragraph 3.

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c. Arrange to distribute to the several departments and agencies copies of such written or published materials.

d. Develop cooperative arrangements with other governmental departments and agencies whereby the Committee's facilities abroad may be utilized by the foreign field offices of those departments and agencies for the transmission of information or materials between such field offices, and between such field offices and their home offices in the United States.

e. Approve any license to be granted by any federal department or agency for the purchase and/or importation of any material printed or published in any enemy territory as defined by the Trading With The Enemy Act and the rules and regulations issued thereunder, and no license shall hereafter be granted without the prior approval of the Committee; and establish rules and regulations for the use of such materials and the information [illegible]

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3. The personnel and facilities heretofore utilized by the Office of Strategic Services in the performance of these functions shall continue to be a part of that agency to be utilized by it to provide, within the limitations of available funds, for the procurement abroad and the preparation and distribution to the various government agencies and departments copies of such written or published materials as the Committee may direct:

Provided, that the Office of Strategic Services shall have the sole responsibility for the procurement, processing, and any other handling of secret materials; and

Provided, that the procurement of published materials in Latin America shall be conducted for the Committee by the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs.

4. The Office of Strategic Services shall provide for the Committee, within the limitations of available funds, a central service for subject indexing, translating, digesting, and distributing to the several departments and agencies such subject indexes, translations, and digests made from the publications procured for the Committee.

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Provided, that the Office of Strategic Services shall have the sole responsibility for the processing and any other handling of secret directives, information, and materials.

6. The Department of State shall assist the Committee in the collection and transportation of such materials as the Committee may require in the performance of its functions; and shall cooperate with the Committee in making available to the several departments and agencies such additional foreign written or published materials of general interest as may be received through the Department.

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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
JOINT PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE COMMITTEE
WASHINGTON

November 8, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL W. J. DONOVAN:

Subject: Proposed draft of Executive Order re Interdepartmental Committee.

1. As you requested in your memorandum of November 7, I have examined the proposed changes in the suggested Executive Order pertaining to Interdepartmental Committee on Foreign Publications. The two changes which I suggested before seem to have been covered adequately.

2. I do not feel competent to express an opinion on the agencies that would be charged with performing the essential services for the Committee since I am not informed on the previous discussions related to that point.

Sincerely,

A.H. Onthank

A. H. Onthank,
Lt. Col., G.S.C.
Secretary.

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Proposed new draft
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

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b. Arrange to obtain from foreign sources such written or published materials as are determined to be necessary for the war effort, exclusive of secret material provided for in paragraph 3

c. Arrange to distribute to the several departments and agencies copies of such written or published materials.

d. Develop cooperative arrangements with other governmental departments and agencies whereby the Committee's facilities abroad may be utilized by the foreign field offices of those departments and agencies for the transmission of information or materials between such field offices, and between such field offices and their home offices in the United States.

e. Approve any license to be granted by any federal department

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or agency for the purchase and/or importation of any material printed or published in any enemy territory as defined by the Trading With The Enemy Act and the rules and regulations issued thereunder, and no licenses shall hereafter be granted without the prior approval of the Committee; and establish rules and regulations for the use of such material and the information contained therein.

3. The personnel and facilities heretofore utilized by the Office of Strategic Services in the performance of these functions shall be ~~transferred to and shall hereafter be~~ a part of that agency to be utilized by ~~this agency~~ to provide, within the limitations of available funds, for the procurement abroad and the preparation and distribution to the various government agencies and departments copies of such written or published materials as the Committee may direct;

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REVISIONS IN THE PROPOSED EXECUTIVE ORDER
ESTABLISHING AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR
THE ACQUISITION OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS.

I. The Office of Scientific Research and Development has been included on the membership of the Committee.

II. Revision of Section 2 d.

Original Version:

"Develop cooperative arrangements under which the Committee's facilities may be utilized by the several departments and agencies in the transmission of information between their foreign field offices and the continental United States."

Revised version:

"Develop cooperative arrangements with other governmental departments and agencies whereby the Committee's facilities abroad may be utilized by the foreign field offices of those departments and agencies for the transmission of information or materials between such field offices, and between such field offices and their home offices in the United States."

III. Addition of Section 2 e:

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IV. Revision of Section 3.

Original version:

"The personnel and facilities heretofore utilized by the Office of Strategic Services in the performance of these functions shall be hereafter utilized by that agency to provide, within the limitations of available funds, for the procurement abroad and the preparation of necessary copies of such written or published materials as the Committee may direct:

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Provided, that the procurement of such materials in Latin America shall be conducted for the Committee by the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs."

Revised version:

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V. Revision of Section 5 renumbered Section 4.

Original version:

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Revised version:

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November 7, 1942

Lieutenant Colonel A.H. Onthank
Public Health Building
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Washington, D.C.

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Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

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ESTABLISHING THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS AND ASSIGNING CERTAIN FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, AND THE OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Statutes including the First War Powers Act, 1941, as President of the United States and Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy, and for the purpose of acquiring from sources outside the continental United States publications necessary to the war effort, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. There is established an Interdepartmental Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications, hereinafter referred to as the Committee. The Committee shall consist of the Librarian of Congress, who shall serve as Chairman, and representatives of the Secretary of State, Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of War, Secretary of the Navy, Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Commerce, Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, Office of Land-Lease Administration, Board of Economic Warfare, Office of Strategic Services, Office of War Information, and such other members as the Chairman may designate. The Chairman may appoint such subcommittees as may be required.

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2. The Committee shall perform the following functions and duties:

a. Receive, review, and approve all requests from the several departments and agencies for the procurement from foreign sources of such books, newspapers, pamphlets, and other written or published materials as may be required for their war activities; and establish priorities among such requests for the use of communication and transportation facilities.

b. Arrange to obtain from foreign sources such written or published materials as are determined to be necessary for the war effort.

c. Arrange to distribute to the several departments and agencies copies of such written or published materials.

d. Develop cooperative arrangements under which the Committee's facilities may be utilized by the several departments and agencies in the transmission of information between their foreign field offices and the continental United States.

3. The personnel and facilities heretofore utilized by the Office of Strategic Services in the performance of these functions shall be hereafter utilized by that agency to provide, within the limitations of available funds, for the procurement abroad and the preparation of necessary copies of such written or published materials as the Committee may direct: Provided, that the procurement of such materials in

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4. The Department of State shall assist the Committee in the collection and transportation of such materials as the Committee may require in the performance of its functions; and shall cooperate with the Committee in making available to the several departments and agencies such additional foreign written or published materials of general interest as may be received through the Department.

5. The Library of Congress, within the limitations of available funds, shall provide for the Committee a central service for indexing, translating, monitoring, digesting, and distributing to the several departments and agencies such materials as may be procured by the Committee.

THE WHITE HOUSE,

September , 1942

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

SECRET

TO: Colonel William J. Donovan

DATE: November 2, 1942

FROM: William L. Langer

SUBJECT: Proposed Executive Order - Interdepartment Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications

redrafted

I am sending you herewith the text of ~~the~~ proposed executive order setting up the Interdepartmental Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications together with a tabulated list of the changes we suggest in the draft which came down from the Bureau of the Budget, ~~sometime ago.~~

I have been over this matter with great care and I hope you will agree that the new draft, as we have worded it, is clear and more specific than the original draft.

William L. Langer
Director, Branch of
Research & Analysis

Attachments

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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

WASHINGTON

JOINT PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE COMMITTEE

October 21, 1942

Hon. Wm. J. Donovan, Director
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel:

In accordance with your letter of October 19, 1942, I have examined the proposed Executive Order concerning the reorganization of the Interdepartmental Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications, and have noted your proposed change of Section 5. The following comments occur to me:

The wording of Paragraph 2.-d. is not clear. May I suggest the following:

> d. Develop cooperative arrangements with other governmental departments and agencies whereby the Committee's facilities abroad may be utilized by the foreign field offices of those departments and agencies for the transmission of information between those offices and the departments and agencies in the United States.

Your proposed change of Section 5 does not appear to carry out the objectives stated in your letter. It certainly does not except secret material from the Library of Congress Index.

Your further change in Section 5, by retaining the distribution of the material as a function of the Office of Strategic Services instead of allowing it to be handled by the Library of Congress, is evidently for some reason not apparent to me. If it is for the purpose of control of the distribution of secret papers, for which a restricted distribution is necessary, the objective would be achieved by allowing the distribution to stay in O.S.S. or by having the Committee set up limited distribution lists. It seems to me in either event that the issue should be faced frankly in the Executive Order and not leave that part of the administration in doubt to be wrangled over at a later date.

Sincerely,

A. H. Onthank

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Lt. Col., G.S.C.
Secretary.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

DATE: October 10, 1942

TO: Colonel William J. Donovan

FROM: William L. Langer

SUBJECT: Executive Order - Interdepartmental Committee

Attached is the suggested change for the wording of Section 5 of the proposed Executive Order.

William L. Langer
Acting Director, Branch
Research and Analysis

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October 19, 1942

Lt. Col. A. H. Onthank, Secretary,
Joint Psychological Warfare Committee,
The Joint Chiefs of Staff,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Onthank:

This is the proposal to set up the Interdepartmental Committee. You will notice that there is a committee which performs certain functions. Then the OWS is designated as the operations. It seems to me, however, that this does not make it clear that we are to have charge of the operations up to the time that the material has been selected and distributed, and only then does the Library of Congress have the central index for all this material. Nor does this provision except from its index the secret material. It would seem to me that we have to be careful about both ends. Would you take a look at it and I will let you know what we finally do.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

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October 19, 1942

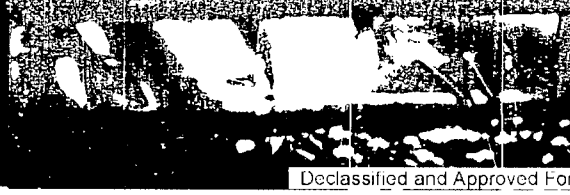
Mr. Wayne Coy, Assistant Director,
Bureau of the Budget,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Wayne:

I have been going over the Executive Order re the Interdepartmental Committee that you were good enough to let me examine. There are two or three things in it that I want to take up with the Chiefs of Staff, and I hope it will not delay you too long if I do this. You shall hear from me within the next couple of days.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director



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COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION

INTEROFFICE MEMO

FROM: Frederick G. Kilgour

DATE October 22, 1942

TO: Colonel Donovan

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE

Here are four points relative to the proposed Executive Order establishing the Interdepartmental Committee which I should like to call to your attention. The first is a minor one. I think that Section 2-d should read,"...in the transmission of information among their foreign field offices or between their foreign field offices and the continental United States."

I also suggest the possibility of adding a fifth function which at the present time is not being adequately performed by any government agency. It is some kind of control over the use of current foreign publications in the hands of private institutions and private individuals. At the present time the Interdepartmental Committee, State Department, Treasury, War, B.E.W., O.W.I., and Censorship are to some degree responsible for the use of such material by private individuals but there is no centralized responsibility and the result is that a good deal confusion exists at the present time. Therefore I suggest that a Section 2-e be added giving the Interdepartmental Committee some kind of control over the importation of foreign publications and the use of foreign publications by private individuals. Perhaps this control could be best expressed by the idea of approval. I am sure that such an Interdepartmental Committee as this Executive Order is establishing would be in a better position to maintain such control than any other one existing government agency.

Section 3 seems to me to be very weakly phrased and I suggest that somewhat stronger language be employed to bring out that the personnel and facilities heretofore utilized by the Office of Strategic Services shall hereafter be part of the Office of Strategic Services. I also suggest that in connection with Paragraph 3 a provision be added to the effect that the Office of Strategic Services have the sole responsibility for the procurement processing and any other handling of secret material.

I agree with you that Section 5 requires serious consideration. It seems obvious that the Army and Navy will not be able to make confidential or secret directives to the Library of Congress, or conversely, the Library of Congress will not be in a position to furnish confidential or secret information that might be acquired from the publications now being brought in by the Interdepartmental Committee. If the Library of Congress is to be responsible for such subject indexing and digesting, it is obvious that the

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Frederick G. Kilgour October 19, 1942

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
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October 23, 1942

TO: COLONEL BUXTON

FROM: COLONEL WILLIAM J. DONOVAN

Dear Ned:

Would you get in Kilgore and Bill Langer and see if you can redraw the proposed Executive Order.

William J. Donovan
Director

Dr. Langer -
Bill - Please get this in the form you think appropriate - and talk with me about it -
Ned -

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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In reply refer to
FA 103.91802/779

October 28, 1942

My dear Colonel Donovan:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 23, 1942, in which you explain the connection between the financial affairs of the Office of Strategic Services and the Interdepartmental Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications.

The Department is pleased to advise that each of the offices of the Foreign Service abroad at which a representative of the Interdepartmental Committee is located has been informed that these representatives are bonded as authorized certifying officers of the Office of Strategic Services, which office administers the funds of the Interdepartmental Committee. Instructions have been given that payments which are in the future made for these representatives, shall be charged to the Office of Strategic Services for reimbursement upon presentation of an appropriate adjustment voucher by the Department of State, but that each voucher must be plainly marked to show that reimbursement by the Office of Strategic Services is to be made from the funds of the Interdepartmental Committee.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

Assistant Secretary

The Honorable
William J. Donovan,
Director, Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.

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COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION

INTEROFFICE MEMO

FROM: Frederick G. Kilgour F.G.K. DATE August 10, 1942

TO: Colonel Donovan

SUBJECT:

The Interdepartmental Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications is essentially a service agency supplying unprocessed intelligence to the Army, Navy, and War Agencies. The Committee at present is receiving about 50,000 pages of foreign newspapers and 15,000 pages of foreign scientific, economic, and political periodicals each month. The Committee makes no effort to use this material; it simply distributes microfilm copies. Each agency then uses the material for its own purposes. O.W.I. uses it for public information; the Navy combs it for naval intelligence. According to Commander Riheldaffer, the first time the Navy used these films it obtained thirty-five valuable items. Another interesting use to which the films are being put is at the Combat Intelligence Training Center at Camp Ritchie. Here the emphasis is on the use of the publications on the films and not on the material resulting from the use of the films. In other words, Intelligence Officers are trained to obtain military intelligence from the enemy press.

The Committee distributes copies of the microfilms to G-2, O.N.I., Library of Congress, O.S.S., Department of Agriculture, Naval Research Laboratory, Office of Scientific Research and Development, National Bureau of Standards, National Institute of Health, Army Medical Library, O.W.I. Treasury Department, Department of Commerce, Board of Economic Warfare, Federal Communications Commission, Combat Intelligence Training Center at Camp Ritchie, and the State Department. As stated above, each agency obtains from the films intelligence for its own purposes. No effort is being made to obtain types of publications that would not supply intelligence to further the war effort.

The microfilming stations maintained abroad by the Committee are being made available to G-2, O.N.I., O.S.S., the U.S.A. Signal Corps, and the State Department to facilitate the rapid transmission of secret reports, intelligence reports, instructions, etc.

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REPLY TO:
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
25TH AND E STREETS, N. W.

August 27, 1943

To: Colonel William J. Donovan

From: William L. Langer

Subject: Interdepartmental Committee

Mr. Cecil W. Barnes has sent me a copy of a memorandum prepared by Lt. R. J. Lefebvre, the original of which you sent me and which is returned herewith.

I have already given you an account of the meeting called by Mr. MacLeish last Thursday, August 20th, and I am writing you now only to say that I think that Lt. Lefebvre's memorandum is not only incorrect in many details but that it is a fairly illiterate and unintelligent resume of the discussions. Lt. Lefebvre cut a very sorry figure at this meeting and was pretty severely handled by both Mr. MacLeish and Mr. Coy.

I was not a little surprised to find on my return today that Mr. MacLeish has been carrying on protracted discussions with General Kroner and General Strong with respect to the Interdepartmental Committee and its future, since by general consent of the meeting of August 20th the matter was to be left to the Budget Committee and I have some difficulty in understanding why Mr. MacLeish continues to agitate it so persistently.

I have spoken today to Mr. Hall of the Bureau of the Budget, from whom I gather that things are still very much in the air, chiefly because of the illness of Mr. Gladieux. One new item in the situation, however, is that the Committee of G-2, appointed to look into the question from a military angle, today recommended to General Strong that the entire operation of the Committee

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William L. Langer

William L. Langer
Director of Research

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Dr. Langer

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OFFICE OF [redacted]

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Mr. C. M. Barnes

DATE: August 21, 1942

TO: Colonel William J. Donovan

SUBJECT: The Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications

Lt. R. J. Lefebvre, as a representative of G-2, attended a meeting August 20, 1942 at the Bureau of the Budget regarding the Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications. A memorandum regarding this conference is attached. I am taking no action on this subject, since I understand it has been up for discussion with the U. S. Joint Chiefs of Staff and that Dr. Willi - L. Langer is also working on it for you. Apparently a strong stand on the part of the Joint Chiefs to the Bureau of the Budget will be necessary or we will lose the Committee.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

FROM: Lt. H. J. Lefebvre DATE: August 23, 1942

TO: Mr. C. W. Barnes

SUBJECT: The Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications

At 2:30 p.m., August 20, I was detailed to a conference in room 353 in the State Department, called by Dr. MacLeish regarding the status of the Interdepartmental Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications. The O.S.S. was represented by Dr. Langer, who was also chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kilgour, administrative executive of the Committee, several representatives from the State Department, three from the Bureau of Budget, at least two from the Library of Congress and O.W.I., Commander Rieldoffer of O.N.I., and myself.

Apparently the Bureau of Budget was investigating the committee and had previously called two hearings before. Dr. Langer, chairman of the Committee, had called one on Monday, August 17. The present hearing was called by Dr. MacLeish in an attempt to convince the Bureau of Budget to assign the committee and its equipment, both in this country and abroad, under the jurisdiction of the State Department and the Library of Congress. Dr. MacLeish thought that the Library of Congress was not getting adequate service [illegible] as foreign publications were concerned. The State Department, on the other hand, stated that they could use the committee's equipment for their own diplomatic use insofar as they have already made plans for doing a lot of the work on microfilm. Commander Rieldoffer of the O.N.I. stated that he found no criticisms of the present service; however, he thought that the State Department should take over the activities of the committee (namely the acquiring of foreign publications). Dr. Langer stated that the committee found that they could not possibly furnish publications for all the departments, and that they had to naturally emphasize more on Intelligence than on Information. If the State Department were to take over this project, in his association with the O.S.S. it would be impossible for him to remain with the committee, and also Mr. Kilgour would no longer want to do the work he is now doing. Dr. MacLeish and several others strongly protested that they also had a job to do, and that it was the duty of the Library of Congress to acquire such publications, and that at present they were not getting satisfactory service.

The Committee had been using microfilm as their only means of sending the publications to this country. The State Department people claim that they could improve the service and give full satisfaction to all the different departments. Mr. Kilgour claimed that presently it is impossible to obtain any supplies or equipment without high priority, which neither the State Department nor the Library of Congress could furnish. He therefore stated that the Committee should be under the jurisdiction of certain agencies

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from one of the services or the U.S.S., in order to obtain the proper priority. Dr. MacLeish then went into a long discussion of how he interpreted the organization of this committee, namely, that it was going to consider foreign publications for all the departments, not just for the Intelligences, and he suggested that in order to do that, that the committee be given larger appropriation and a much larger force to handle this job. Dr. Leaver said that he thought that the constitution of the committee should therefore be changed in order to lay emphasis on Intelligence since this was a very vital war activity.

I protested that G-2 was not given proper time to [illegible] problem. The representative of the Bureau of Budget suggested that the Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications [illegible] a full report of their activities and their recommendations, and then the Bureau of Budget will investigate same.

Meanwhile, Dr. MacLeish suggested that everybody present bring the problem over and have a rehearing on Monday, August [illegible]. The conference ended over two hours, in which there was a lot of chatter [illegible]. The main thing in everybody's mind was to [illegible] but the committee's financial [illegible] equipment. I explained to the people present that the Military Intelligence was vitally interested in acquiring foreign publications, [illegible] Attaches had also the job of acquiring foreign publications [illegible] to send them by microfilm.

Apart from one member of the Bureau of Budget, Dr. Leaver, [illegible] Kilgour, everybody present seemed almost convinced, nevertheless, that the State Department and indirectly, the Library of Congress should have jurisdiction over the project. Throughout the conference there were numerous suggestions as to how the committee was to be run. Some suggested a clearing and developing the microfilms and sending them to the interested parties, stated that in order to do this, someone had to be capable of differentiating what was important and what was not important. Others suggestions were the Library of Congress should be the distributing point or that the State Department take it over as one of their divisions.

I stated that the problem was very similar to the one facing the War Production Board regarding strategic materials, that everyone could be adequately served, that the Intelligences had to have priority and [illegible] service. The value of the intelligence found in the publications would be decreased greatly if the various intelligence services could not get them [illegible]

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August 14, 1942

MEMORANDUM

To: William Langer

From: W. J. D.

I find that the Budget has been busy, and it suggests that the attached should go to OWI rather than to us. General Smith does not agree, but says that if we want to make a fight about it, he will talk with the Joint Chiefs of Staff on that basis. He thinks, however, that the wisest thing to do would be to go to Davis, tell him about the situation, say that if he wanted it we were not going to resist it, but point out the difficulties and the service they were getting, and he felt that Davis would want us to keep it. I suggest that you explain the whole matter to Mr Taylor and he might very well take it up with Davis and it would be well for you to go with him.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

July 14, 1943

Brigadier General Walter B. Smith,
The Joint Chiefs of Staff,
Washington, D. C.

My dear General Smith:

Some months ago this office initiated a project to obtain cabled digests of the European press made by the British in Stockholm, Berne and Istanbul, and to microfilm a large part of the continental European press and several hundred scientific periodicals. In order to do this work, we formed what was called the Interdepartmental Committee for the acquisition of foreign publications. This Committee was made up of representatives of ten different government agencies. At our suggestion, the Committee was set up by executive order of the President. It was given a separate appropriation by the Bureau of the Budget, but it has been administered from the outset by our office. The Committee budget for 1942 and 1943 was in three parts,

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the budget estimates of this organization.

The work of this Committee has attained [illegible] proportions. Microfilm work has been sent to some [illegible] ent offices and agencies in Washington and New York, and has been of value, not only to our own offices, but to the Army, Navy and the Board of Economic Warfare. The Committee now has half a dozen operators abroad and all [illegible] located in most of the crucial centers. Its terminal microfilm stations have been made available to the State Department, the Army and Navy for microfilming [illegible] materials to effect their rapid transmission to Washington. It has kept in particularly close touch with the Signal Corps, Military and Naval Intelligence. Arrangements are now completed with [illegible] for the microfilming of Military Attache reports in London and Cairo.

In view of the constantly expanding functions and operations of the Committee, it has become necessary that its status be more clearly defined. It would seem that the entire operations of the Committee should be made part of this agency for these pertinent [illegible] the Office of

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Strategic Services is specifically directed to collect intelligence, (b) the work of the Committee is to a very large extent the collection of printed intelligence, and (c) connection with the Office of Strategic Services would make possible greater security for the operations of the Committee and thereby facilitate the use of its services by the Army and Navy.

If this were done, the Interdepartmental Committee could be retained as an advisory body, the chief function of which would be to pass on requests for additional material, and to work out the problems in connection with the large volume of material now being received.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

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THE JOINT [illegible] of U.S.
Washington, D. C.

Office of Strategic Services
25th and E Streets, N. W.

MEMORANDUM TO: Colonel Donovan

FROM: William L. Langer

SUBJECT: Interdepartmental Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications

During the past few months the work of the Interdepartmental Committee has attained large proportions. In addition to the cabled digests of the European press made by the British in Stockholm, Berne and Istanbul, the Committee has distributed over one thousand 100-ft. rolls of microfilm, covering a large part of the continental European press and several hundred scientific periodicals. This microfilm material had been sent to some 20 different offices and agencies in Washington and New York, and has proved to be of the utmost importance, not only to the Office of Strategic Services, but to the Army, Navy, Board of Economic Warfare and other agencies. The Committee now has a half-dozen operators abroad and will soon be functioning in most of the capitals of Europe. Its foreign microfilming stations have been made available to the State Department, the Army and the Navy for microfilming graphic materials to effect their rapid [illegible]

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to Washington. It has kept in very close touch with the State Department, which has already agreed to use its facilities for the transmission of confidential reports, and it has kept in close touch also with the Signal Corps, Military and Naval Intelligence. Arrangements are now being completed with G-2 for the microfilming of Military attaché reports in London and Cairo.

In view of the constantly expanding functions and operations of the Committee, it has become urgently necessary that its status be more clearly defined. The Committee was originally set up by Executive Order of the President at the suggestion of the Coordinator of Information. It was given a separate appropriation by the Bureau of the Budget, but its business affairs have from the outset been managed by the Office of the Coordinator. For reasons that are not entirely clear, the Committee budget for 1942-43 was included with the budget estimates of the Research and Analysis Branch of the Coordinator's office. As a result of this unfortunate arrangement, the position of the Committee, which is composed of representatives of 10 different Government agencies, is entirely confused and steps should be taken as soon as possible to regularize it.

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Now that arrangements have been made for the acquisition and transmission of foreign publications to this country, the Committee as it was created heretofore is no longer necessary. It should be retained as an advisory body, the chief function of which would be to pass on requests for additional material, and to work out the problems connected with the use of the large volume of material now being received. The actual handling of the material and the direction of the microfilming services is done by the Executive Secretary and his staff.

In order to function properly the entire operations of the Committee should be made part of some larger Government agency. The Office of Strategic Services is the obvious place for this particular service, because (a) the Office of Strategic Services is specifically directed to collect intelligence, (b) the work of the Committee is to a very large extent the collection of printed intelligence, and (c) connection with the Office of Strategic Services would make possible greater security for the operations of the Committee and thereby facilitate the use of its services by the Army and Navy, as well as by the State Department.

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Assignment to the Office of Strategic Services

the activities of the Committee could best be carried on as a division or branch immediately under the direction of the O.S.S. This is suggested because the collection of newspapers, periodicals and books is different in character from the collection of secret intelligence and requires a different type of personnel. If the work of the Committee is to be assigned to the S.I. branch it would have to be established as a separate division of foreign publications.

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COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 24, 1942

Captain J. Pierlinger
Czechoslovak Information Service
1440 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Captain Pierlinger:

Your letter of January 16th addressed to Colonel Buxton of this Agency, has come to my hands. Attached to your letter was Mr. Weidl's letter to you asking for intervention to have certain German newspapers pass through the American Censor.

As Chairman of the Interdepartmental Committee on the Acquisition of Foreign Publications for the use of American Government Agencies, may I point out to you that almost nothing has come into Washington in the way of German newspapers and periodicals during the past two months. We are trying to make arrangements for the acquisition of some of these materials but I do not believe that Mr. Weidl's failure to get these papers is due to censorship but rather to the general disruption of transportation and postal services.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan
Director of Strategic

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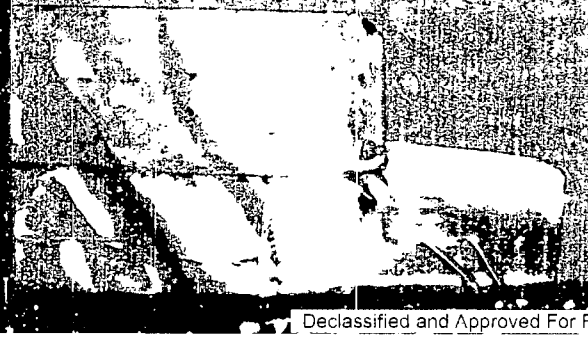

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Aamulehti	Finland
Aarhus (Stiftstidende)	Denmark
(Die) Action	Germany
(Der) Adler	Germany
Adresseavisen	Norway
Affaersvaerlden	Sweden
(Berlingske) Aftenavis	Denmark
Aftenposten	Norway
Aftonbladet	Sweden
Aftontidningen	Sweden
Ajan (Suunta)	Finland
Akademisk (Aktion)	Denmark
Algemeen (Handelsblad)	Holland
(Nya Dagligt) Allehanda	Sweden
Amtl. Anzeiger (f.d. Generalgouvernement).	Poland
Amtsblatt (des Gouverneurs des Distriks Warschau)	Poland
(Aarhus) Amtstidende	Denmark
(Der) Angriff	Germany
(Reichs) Anzeiger	Germany
Arbeid	Holland
(Norsk) Arbeidsliv	Norway
(Der) Arbeitsmann	Germany
Arbetarbladet	Finland
Arbetaren	Sweden
Arbetet	Sweden

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Aneler (Vokszeitung)	Belgium
(Allgemeine) Automobil (Zeitung)	Germany
Azot	Czechoslovakia
Bankvaeriden	Sweden
(Deutsche) Bergwerkszeitung	Germany
(Economische) Berichten	Belgium
Berlingske (Tidende)	Denmark
(Die) Bewegung	Germany
(N.S.) Bibliographie	Germany
Bierlarnski (Holm)	Lithuania
Bildorevyen (Oslo Illustrierte)	Norway
Billedbladet	Denmark
Bodensee (Rundschau)	Germany
(De) Boer	Belgium
Boersen	Denmark
(Berliner Boersen-zeitung)	Germany
Boerszeitung	Norway
Bok (og Bibliotek)	Denmark
Bornholms (Social Demokrat)	Germany
Bremer (Nachrichten)	Germany
Breslauer (Neueste Nachrichten)	Belgium
Bruesseler (Zeitung)	Belgium
Cassandra	Czechoslovakia
Cesko (Slovo)	Norway
Christiansands (Tidende)	Poland
(Kurjer) Czestochowski	Sweden
(Ny) Dag	Sweden
Daganyheter (Dagens Nyheter)	Denmark
Danskt (Militaert Maanedshefte)	Germany
Danziger (Neueste Nachrichten)	Germany
Das Reich	Germany
(Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung)	Denmark
(Social) Demokraten (Danish)	Belgium
(Handel en) Distributie	Norway
Drammens (Tidende)	Holland
Drentsch (Dagblad)	Germany
Dresdener (Neueste Nachrichten)	Holland
Economische (Statistische Berichten)	Denmark
(Statistiska) Efterretninger	Luxembourg
Escher (Tageblatt)	Sweden
Eskilstuna (Kurirea)	Germany
Europaeische (Revue)	Sweden
Faekforeningsorganen	Denmark
Faedrelandet	Czechoslovakia
Fasista	Denmark
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Folkets (Bladet)	Denmark
Fränkische (Tageszeitung)	Germany
Frankfurter (Zeitung)	Germany
Fredriksborgs (Amts Avis)	Denmark
Fredrikshavns (Avis)	Denmark
Fredrikstad (Blad)	Norway
Freiheitskampf	Germany
(Hamburger) Fremdenblatt	Germany
Fritt (Folk)	Norway
Frontarbeiter	Germany
R (Der) Fuehrer (Karlsruhe)	Germany
Fylkesavisen	Norway
Fyns (Tidende)	Denmark
Gardista	Czechoslovakia
Gelsenkirchener (Zeitung)	Germany
(Die Neue Gemeinschaft	Germany
(Zeitschrift fur) Geopolitik	Germany
(Reichs) Gesetzblatt	Germany
Goeteborgs Morgonpost) Gbgmorgon	Sweden
Goeteborgs (Posten)	Sweden
Goniec (Krakowski)	Poland
Grensbote	Czechoslovakia
Gudbrandsdoelen	Norway
Haagsche (Courant)	Holland
R Hakenkreuz (Banner-Mannheim)	Germany
Hamburger Tageblatt	Germany
(Belgian) Handel	Belgium
Handelsbelangen	Holland
Handelstidning (Goeteborgs Handelsoch Sjoefartstidning)	Sweden
Haugesnuds (Blad)	Norway
(Heim og Aett) Heimaett	Norway
Heimdal	Denmark
Helmat (Helsingin Sanomat)	Finland
(NS Maanedshefte for) Hirdon	Norway
Hirdmannen	Norway
Holbaek (Amtstidende)	Denmark
Holstebro (Dagblad)	Denmark
Horsens (Avis)	Denmark
Hospodarsky (Dennik)	Czechoslovakia
Hublad (Hufvudstadsbladet	Finland
Huggin	Norway
Ilkka	Finland
Illustrowani (Wisti)	Poland
Ilta (Sanomat)	Finland
Industria	Sweden
Industritidning (Norden)	Germany
R Innsbrucker Nachrichten	Sweden
Joodsche (Weekblad)	Holland
(Nouveau) Journal	Belgium
(Das Junge Deutschland) Jungdeutschland	Germany

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Jydske (Tidende)	Denmark
Jyllandsposten	Denmark
Kaerntner (Zeitung Grenzruf-Klagenfurt)	Germany
Kaiku	Finland
Kamptegnet	Denmark
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Kansan (Lehti)	Finland
Karjala	Finland
Kattowitzer (Zeitung)	Poland
Kauppalehti	Finland
Keesings (Archiv der Gegenwart)	Germany
Kieler (Neueste Nachrichten)	Germany
(Norsk) Kirkeblad	Norway
Koelnische (Zeitung)	Germany
Koenigsberger (Allgemeine Zeitung)	Germany
Kolokol (Smolensk)	Russia
Kommunalt (Tidsskrift)	Norway
Kongsvinger (Arbeiderblad)	Norway
(Deutsche Diplomatische Politische) Korrespondenz	Germany
Krakauer (Zeitung)	Poland
Krakiwiski (Wisti)	Poland
Kristeligt (Dagblad)	Denmark
Kritisk (Ugerevue)	Denmark
(Deutsche Zeitung in) Kroatien Zeitung	Yugoslavia
(Wiener) Kronenzeitung	Germany
Kurzbericht	Germany
(Suomen) Kuvalehti	Finland
(Het) Laatste (Nieuws)	Belgium
Laivestolehti	Finland
(Norsk) Landbruk	Norway
(Wochenblatt der) Landesbauernschaft (Schleswig-Holstein)	Germany
(Schleswig-Holsteinische) Landeszeitung	Germany
Langelands (Avis)	Denmark
(Deutscher) Lebensraum	Germany
Lederbladet	Denmark
Leeuwarder (Courant)	Holland
(La) Legia	Belgium
Leipziger (Neueste Nachrichten)	Germany
Lemberger (Zeitung)	Poland
Lidove (Noviny)	Czechoslovakia
Limburgersche (Courant)	Holland
Litzmannstaedter (Zeitung)	Poland
Lofotposten	Norway
(Berliner) Lokalanzeiger	Germany
Lollandsposten	Denmark
(Norsk) Lovtidende	Norway
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Middagsbladet	Denmark
Militaer (Teknisk Tidsskrift)	Sweden
Minsker (Zeitung)	Russia
(De) Misthoorn	Holland
(B.Z. am) Mittag	Germany
(Deutsche) Monatshefte	Norway
Monatsseitschrift (fur Bohmen und Mahren)	Czechoslovakia
Moniteur (Belge)	Belgium
Moravska (Orlice)	Czechoslovakia
Morgenbladet	Norway
(Berliner) Morgenpost	Germany
Moss (Avis)	Norway
Muenchener Neueste (Nachrichten)	Germany
Muenchener Zeitung	Germany
(Wiener Neueste) Nachrichten	Germany
(Berliner Illustrierte) Nachtausgabe	Germany
(Lolland-Falsters Venstreblad) Nakskov (Folkeblad)	Denmark
(La Province de) Namur	Belgium
Narodni (Politika)	Czechoslovakia
(De) National Socialist	Belgium
Nationalblatt	Luxemburg
Nationale (Dagblad)	Holland
Nationalsozialistische (Monatshefte)	Germany
Nationaltidende	Denmark
Nationalzeitung	Germany
Nationen	Norway
(Der) Neue (Tag)	Czechoslovakia
Neues Wiener (Tageblatt)	Germany
(Niederlande, Deutsche) Niederlaendische (Wirtschafts Zeitschrift)	Holland
(Deutsche Zeitung in den) Niederlanden	Holland
Nieuws (van den Dag)	Belgium
Nieuwsblad (van het Noorden)	Holland
(Dagblad voor) Noord Holland	Holland
(Der) Norden	Germany
Nordens(Frihet)	Sweden
Nordlandir	Norway
Nordschleswigsche (Zeitung)	Denmark
Norges Industri	Norway
(Deutsche Zeitung in) Norwegen Zeitung	Norway
Nova (Doba)	Czechoslovakia
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Novy Kurjer (Warsawski)	Poland
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(Der NSKK-Mann) Nsskman	Germany
Nu	Sweden
Ny Militaer (Tideskrift)	Sweden
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Ostland	Germany
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(Wochenblatt der Landesbauernschaft) Ostpreussen	Germany
Ostsee (Zeitung, Stettiner General Anzeiger)	Germany
Pariser (Zeitung)	France
(Die Wirtschaftspolitische) Parole	Germany
(Nationalsozialistische) Parteikorrespondenz	Germany
Pays (Reel)	Belgium
(Der) Pimpf	Germany
Pohjolan (Sanomat)	Finland
Polodny (List)	Czechoslovakia
(Zeitschrift Fur) Politik	Germany
Politiken	Denmark
Pommersche (Zeitung)	Germany
(Wochenblatt der Landesbauernschaft) Pommern	Germany
(Haagsche) Post	Holland
(Narodni) Praco	Czechoslovakia
Prager (Abend)	Czechoslovakia
Pristidende	Norway
Provinciale (Zeeuwsche Courant)	Holland
Ragnarock	Norway
Reconstruction	Belgium
(Aufklaerungs-und) Rednermaterial	Germany
(Amtsblatt des) Reichsprotektors (fur Bohmen und Mahren)	Czechoslovakia
Reichsverkehrsblatt	Germany
Reichsverordnungsblatt	Germany
Reichsverwaltung	Germany
Revaler (Zeitung)	Estonia
(Oekonomisk) Revue	Norway
Rheinische (Westfalische Zeitung)	Germany
(Wochenblatt der Landesbauernschaft) Rheinland	Germany
Ringkoebing (Amtstidende)	Denmark
Rjuken (Dagblad)	Norway
Roud (Ungdom)	Denmark
(Nieuwe) Rotterdamsche (Courant)	Holland
(Deutsche) Rundschau (Bromberg)	Poland
(De) Ryksarbeider	Belgium
(Wochenblatt der Landesbauernschaft) Sachsen	Germany
(Suomi--) Saksa	Finland
Salzburger (Landeszeitung)	Germany
(Die) Sammlung (der Gesetze und Verordnungen im Protektorate Bohmen und Mahren	Czechoslovakia
Samtiden	Norway
Satakunnan (Kansa)	Finland

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Schlesien	Germany
Schleswig (Holsteinische Tageszeitung)	
(Mitteilungsblatt der NSD-)	Germany
Schulgemeine	Germany
(Das) Schwarze (Korps)	Sweden
Se	Germany
Signal	Germany
Simplicissimus	Germany
(Die) Sirene	Denmark
Skivo (Folkoblad)	Norway
(Den Norske) Skole	Czechoslovakia
Slovak	Germany
(Nowoje) Slowo	Norway
Smaalenene (Amtstidende)	Sweden
Social (Demokraten, Swedish)	Denmark
(National) Socialisten	Finland
Soden (Suomen Sosialidemokraatti)	Denmark
(Efterretninger for) Soefarende	Denmark
(Dansk) Soefartstidende	Denmark
Soenderborgs (Social Demokrat)	Belgium
(Le) Soir	Denmark
Soroe (Amtstidende)	Belgium
(De SS Man) Sturm	Belgium
(Volk en) Staat	Holland
(Nederlandsche) Staatscourant	Holland
(De) Standaard	Denmark
(Det Tredje) Standpunkt	
(Bulletin Mensuel du Bureau de)	Belgium
Statistique	Norway
Statsoekonomisk (Tidsskrift)	Denmark
Statstidende	Norway
Stavanger (Aftenblad)	Sweden
Stoctid (Stockholms Tidningen)	Holland
Storm (Weekblad der Nederlandsche SS)	Denmark
Stormfanen	Germany
Strassburger (Neueste Nachrichten)	Denmark
Studentarbladet	Denmark
(Stud. Jur.) Studjur	Germany
(Der) Stuermer	Norway
Sunnmoersposten	Denmark
Svendborgs (Avis)	Sweden
Svenska (Dagbladet)	Sweden
Svenska Morgonbladet	Finland
Svenskpress (Svenska Pressen)	Denmark
Sydsjaellands (Social Demokrat)	Norway
Sydvarangor	Germany
(Neues) Tagblatt (Stuttgart)	Germany
Tagespost Graz	Germany
Tageszeitung (Braunschweig)	Finland
Talouselaemae	Holland
(De) Telegraaf	Denmark
Thisted (Social-Demokrat)	

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(Bergens) Tidende	Norway
Tidsskrift (for Industri)	Denmark
(Do) Tijd	Holland
(Svensk) Trovaru (-Tidning)	Sweden
Trots (Allt)	Sweden
Turun (Sanomat)	Finland
(Tidsskrift for) Udenrigspolitik	Denmark
Ugeskrift (for Landmand)	Denmark
(12) Uhr (Blatt)	Germany
Unitas	Finland
Upsala Nya (Tidning)	Sweden
Uusimi (Uusi Suomi)	Finland
Utenrikskronikk	Norway
(Svensk) Utrikeshandel	Sweden
(Folk og) Vaern	Denmark
Vaestmanlands (Laens Tidning)	Sweden
Vapaa (Suomi)	Finland
Vasabladet	Finland
Vecko (-Journalen)	Sweden
Venkov	Czechoslovakia
(Det Norske) Veritas	Norway
(Grossdeutscher) Verkeur	Germany
Verordeningenblad	Holland
(Das) Verordnungsblatt (des Reichsprotektors für Böhmen und Mähren)	Czechoslovakia
(Deutsche) Verwaltung	Germany
Westfold (Presse)	Norway
Vestkysten	Denmark
Vestlandske (Tidende)	Norway
Viborg (Stifts Folkeblad)	Denmark
(Der) Vierjahresplan	Germany
Villabyarnas (Blad)	Denmark
Vlajka	Czechoslovakia
Voelkischer (Beobachter)	Germany
Volk (un Vaderland)	Holland
Volk und Reich	Germany
(De Nederlandsche) Volkhuishouding	Holland
(Nationalsozialistische) Volksdienst	Germany
Volksstimme	Germany
(Economische) Voorlichting	Holland
Vooruit	Belgium
(Danziger) Vorposten	Germany
(De) Waag	Holland
Warschauer (Zeitung)	Poland
Wehrmacht	Germany
Weltanschauung (und Schule)	Germany
(Volk im) Werden	Germany
(Wochenblatt der Landesbauernschaft) Weserems	Germany
Westdeutscher (Beobachter)	Germany
Westfaelische (Zeitung, Rote Erde)	Germany
(N.S.L.) Westmark	Germany

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Wiener Mittag	Germany
Wieski (Polish)	Poland
(Wille und Macht) Willmacht	Germany
(Die) Wirtschaft	Czechoslovakia
Wirtschaftsdienst	Germany
(Deutsche) Wissenschaft (Erziehung und Volksbildung)	Germany
(Die Parole der) Woche	Germany
Wochenspruch (des NSDAP)	Germany
Woskresenije	Poland
(Die) Zeit	Czechoslovakia.

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COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION

INTRAOFFICE MEMO

FROM: Frederick G. Kilgour DATE: May 28, 1942

TO: Col. William J. Donovan

SUBJECT: Memorandum Draft to President on Progress of the Interdepartmental Committee, et cetera

Attached hereto is the memorandum for The President which you asked for the other day. I hope that it will be satisfactory.

F.G.K.

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MEMORANDUM for The President

From: William J. Donovan

Subject: Progress of the Interdepartmental Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications. Committee established December 22, 1941.

MEMBERSHIP:-

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Bureau of Economic Warfare	Richard H. Sanger

The aim of the Interdepartmental Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications is to coordinate the efforts of the various agencies of the Government to procure foreign newspapers, periodicals, official publications, books, pamphlets and other printed materials. Although some periodicals and books are being acquired in their original form, the principal medium that the Interdepartmental Committee is using to bring foreign publications into Washington is microfilm.

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the original material being filmed at microfilming stations established abroad. Newspapers and periodicals on 16mm microfilm are reduced to approximately one two-hundred-and fiftieth and one one-hundred-and-fiftieth respectively of their original bulk; this tremendous reduction in volume and weight makes it entirely feasible to fly the films to the United States. After the negative films have reached Washington positive contact film prints are made to be used in microfilm reading machines and are distributed to the various agencies requesting the publications on the films.

A budget of $43,917 for the last five months of the fiscal year 1941/42 was approved the last week in January.

During January and February the Committee compiled a list of publications considered vital to the war effort, and on February 12th a letter was sent to fifty-six Government Agencies apprising them of the Committee's work and requesting the agencies to submit for acquisition titles of publications which they felt were of real importance to the war effort. Most of the agencies responded and have kept in close touch with the work of the Committee; a list of three hundred and fifty vital publications were compiled which has now been increased to about five hundred titles.

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The Committee decided to establish microfilming posts at London, Stockholm, Lisbon, Cairo, Istanbul and Berne.

On March 24th Mr. Eugene B. Power, who is working under contract to the Interdepartmental Committee, left for London to organize his microfilm equipment already in England. Mr. Power has just returned to the United States having completed his work in England. The Interdepartmental Committee is now receiving each week about twelve hundred feet of microfilm of foreign publications being acquired by the British. On this twelve hundred feet of film there are roughly three thousand pages of economic, political, and scientific periodicals, and about eight thousand pages of European newspapers. German newspapers for the last week in April have already been received.

As a result of the Interdepartmental Committee's microphotographic activity in London, the British became interested in microfilm because they saw in microphotography a solution to some of their own problems. On April 13th, nineteen representatives from twelve different British Agencies

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and two members of the London Office of the Coordinator of Information met together in London to discuss the possibility of "Anglo-American cooperation in microphotography of foreign newspapers and periodicals". The immediate results of this meeting were the establishment of a microfilming station in London and a request to the Interdepartmental Committee to set up a microfilming post in Stockholm. The British are acquiring over four hundred newspapers and periodicals in Stockholm, but they can transport to London only fifty of these publications. The British proposal was that the Interdepartmental Committee supply the microphotographic equipment, since such equipment is entirely unavailable in London, and the operator for Stockholm, and the British would supply the publications to be filmed; the British and the Interdepartmental Committee would each get a copy of the microfilm made in Stockholm. The Stockholm camera is already in England, and the operator, Dr. Adele J. Kibre will probably leave the United States sometime during the next ten days. The Stockholm post should be in full operation within three weeks.

The Committee plans to set up another large post in Lisbon where the British will probably cooperate with the

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Committee. Mr. Ralph H. Carruthers, operator for the Lisbon post, will leave with his equipment during the second week in June.

On March 27th Mr. George S. Hanta left for Cairo, taking with him all of the equipment for the Cairo and Istanbul posts. He is in Cairo now and has probably started filming.

The Istanbul operator, Mr. Lewis V. Thomas sailed on April 24th, and he should reach Cairo to pick up his equipment this week.

The Committee is at present engaged in renting an American microfilm camera in the International Labor Office in Switzerland and in acquiring the services of its Swiss operator who has been investigated and approved by the Department of State. This camera will be set up in the Geneva Consulate.

Cooperating with the United States Army Signal Corps, the Interdepartmental Committee will also have microphotographic equipment available for its use in Moscow, Bombay, Chungking and Australia. The Interdepartmental Committee's microfilm stations are, of course, being made available to the Signal Corps. The Committee has been able to locate a considerable amount of American equipment already in India and Australia and does not anticipate

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any difficulty in obtaining microfilms from these areas if it is called upon to do so.

The Department of State has been most helpful to the Committee and because of its willing cooperation has made this whole program possible. In March the Committee, through the Department of State, purchased some small Leica equipment in Stockholm, and a member of the Legation has been filming some German newspapers. This Stockholm equipment is also being used and will continue to be used by the State Department to film the Legation's routine reports for transmission to Washington. The Committee has worked out a method for the State Department whereby the microfilm images can be enlarged onto photo-offset printing plates from which multiple paper copies can be readily printed. The Committee has, of course, offered the use of all of its facilities to the State Department.

Arrangements have been made for acquiring original publications from Russia and through Lisbon when speed is not a great factor.

The British Ministry of Information is also making available to the United States Government through the Interdepartmental Committee its "Overseas Press Summaries".

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These dispatches originate in the Ministry of Information's reading posts in Stockholm and Berne. They are cabled to London and then radioed to Washington. These dispatches amount to about twelve thousand words daily, and to judge from the unsolicited comments of the agencies to which they are distributed, they are of considerable value particularly because of their timeliness; it is not at all unusual to receive in Washington on one day abstracts from Scandinavian newspapers that were published the day before.

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The following list is a generalized listing of the contents of 100 foot rolls of 35mm Microfilm that the Interdepartmental Committee is prepared to make available to Government Agencies. All scientific and technical publications from enemy and enemy occupied countries are restricted and are not to be used for propaganda purposes nor should they be quoted in the popular press. If it is necessary to use information obtained from scientific and technical material the title and source should be completely disguised. There is no restriction on the use of titles and abstracts of scientific and technical publications in the strictly scientific press. As noted on the accompanying list of newspapers, many of the newspapers are also restricted.

Frederick G. Kilgour
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ROLL 10	Newspapers-Scandinavian and German	-April 1942
ROLL 11	Newspapers-German, French, Swiss and Italian	-April 1942
ROLL 12	Daily Digest of Foreign Broadcasts for April 13,14,15,17 and 18, 1942	
	Newspapers-German, Scandinavian and French for April 9, 1942	
	News Digest for April 8th	
ROLL 13	Newspapers-Scandinavian and German	-April 1942
ROLL 14	Newspapers-Scandinavian, French, Belgium	-March and April 1942
ROLL 15	Newspapers-Scandinavian, Spanish, Italian	-March and April 1942
ROLL 16	Newspapers-Scandinavian	-End of March and April
ROLL 17	Newspapers-German, Scandinavian	-April 1942
ROLL 18	Newspapers-German, French, Portuguese Spanish, Scandinavian and Swiss	-Last half of March and first half of April 1942
ROLL 19-	Newspapers-French, Czech, Spanish Scandinavian, Italian and Portuguese for	-Mid April, 1942
ROLL 20	Newspapers-Portuguese, Spanish, Czech, German, Italian and French	-First half of April 1942
	Der Deutsche Volkswirt	-Mar 13, 1942
	Zeitschrift fur Geo Politik	-Feb. 1942
	Helmer Key, Neue Kolonialpolitik(Berlin, 1937)	
ROLL 21	Newspapers-German, French, Italian	-Last half of April
ROLL 22	Newspapers-Portuguese, Spanish, French, Scandinavian	-Mid-April -Last of April, 1942
Roll 23	Boletin Oficial del Estado	-Last of April 1942
	Newspapers-Spanish	

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ROLL 24	Newspapers-Scandinavian, German Spanish	-Last Half of April 1942
	Jean de la Hire, Hitler, que nous Veut il donc?	-(Paris, 1942)
ROLL 25	Newspapers-German, Scandinavian, Swiss and French	-End of April 1942
ROLL 26	Newspapers-German, Hungarian, French Italian, Scandinavian Portuguese	-April 1942
ROLL 27	Jahresbericht Veterinar-Medizin Bd 60 Hft 8	
	Deutschen Tuberkulose -Blatt 1942 Heft 1	
	Zentralblatt fur Chirurgie Jan 3-Mar.21, 1942	
	Zentralblatt fur Bakteriologie Apt 1 Jan 19, 1942	
	Deutsche Medizinische Wochenschrift Jan 9, 1942	
	Muchener Medizinische Wochenschrift Mar. 6-Mar 3-1942	
	Medizinische Klinik Jan 16-Mar 9, 1942	
	Klinische Wochenschrift Mar7-Mar 21, 1942	
	Der Deutsche Militararzt Feb 1942	
ROLL 28	(NOTE: This spool is in three strips some of which are incorrectly spooled)	
	Elektrotechnik und Maschinenbau-Jan 2-Feb 13, 1942	
	Elektrotechnische Zeitschrift -Jan 15, March, 1942	
	Das Gas und Wasserbaak	
	Physikalische Zeitschrift	-Jan and Feb. 1942
	Fette und Seifen	-Jan-Feb. 1942
ROLL 29	Daily Digest of World Broadcasts-Apr 19 & 20 1942	
	Newspapers-Dutch, Belgian, Scandinavian-End of Mar. 1942	
ROLL 30	Newspapers-German	-Last Half of Apr. 1942
	French	-Last Half of Mar. 1942
ROLL 31	Newspapers-French, Scandinavian Spanish and German	-Last Half of Apr. 1942
ROLL 32	Newspapers-Spanish, German, French, Italian and Portuguese	-Last Half of Apr. 1942

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Roll 14-101	Newspapers-Scandinavian, Dutch, German Belgian, French	Last half of April & First half of May
ROLL 14-102	Newspapers- Scandinavian, Italian	Last half of Apr. 1942
ROLL 14-103	Newspapers- Scandinavian, German Belgian, French	Last of Apr 1st of May 1942
ROLL 14-104	Newspapers-German, French, Portuguese Scandinavian	Last of Apr 1st of May 1942
ROLL 14-105	Newspapers-Scandinavian	Apr and 1st of May 1942
ROLL 14-106	Newspapers-Scandinavian	Last of Apr and 1st of May 1942
ROLL 14-107-	Svensk Militar Kalender, 1942 Newspapers-Finnish, Dutch, Belgian Scandinavian	First Half May 1942
ROLL 14-108	Newspapers-Swiss	First Half of April 1942
	Newspapers-German	First of May 1942
ROLL 14-109	Newspapers Scandinavian, Belgian, Italian, French	First of May 1942
Roll 14-110	Newspapers-Scandinavian; Italian	April 1942
ROLL 14-111	Newspapers-Scandinavian for April 1942 Die Deutsche Volkswirtschaft April 8, 1942 Die Bank, Apr. 8, 1942	
ROLL 14-112	Newspapers-Scandinavian; Finnish; Dutch German; Swiss	Last of Apr 1942 Apr. 1942
Roll 10-101	Wirtschaft und Statistick Daily Digest of World Broadcasts-Apr. 17-30, 1942 Stahl und Eisen Jan 1,8,15,22,29-Feb 5,12,19-26 Mar. 5,12,19-26,-1942	
ROLL 14-113	Svenka Travaru-Tidung Apr. 30, 1942 Tyok Revy-Mar. 9,23,Apr. 6,1942 Signal Mar. 2, 1942 Den Noraka Idrattsfronten (Stockholm, 1942)	

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Roll 14-113-Cont.
Newspapers-German, Spanish, Italian, Scandinavian — Last of Apr and 1st of May 1942

Roll 14-114 Newspapers-Scandinavian — Last of Apr 1942

Roll 14-115 Newspapers-Scandinavian, German Dutch Rumanian — First of May 1942

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